

LEE COUNTY AGAIN.

Money Subscribed For a New Survey and Other Expenses.

Bishopville, July 20.—"We, the undersigned citizens of the proposed Lee County do respectively subscribe the amount opposite our names below for the purpose of paying for a survey and other necessary expenses that may be incurred for the proposed county of Lee."

The above petition was circulated here late yesterday afternoon and a good sum of money was raised for the purpose of starting the Lee County ball rolling. The country people who were in town from the different sections of the proposed new county spoke in the most favorable terms of the county. A new survey will be made and some corners, which were in old Lee county will be left off, while an additional territory from other parts will be added.

The people from the different sections are much intused over the matter and it is safe to predict a victory for Lee. The four (4) years constitutional limitation closed today—so the election can, under the constitution, be legally held at any time.

County Teachers' Institute.

The Institute opened well, considering that so many of our teachers were at Spartanburg.

The following teachers were enrolled Monday.

H. C. Bethea, Hagood, S. C.
Mrs. Bessie Brunson, city.
Miss Mannie Dinkins, city.
Miss Essie Fleming, city.
Miss Mattie Gibson, city.
Miss Daisy Gaillard, city.
Miss Lilly Gregg, city.
Miss Hattie Hussey, city.
Miss Jennie Huggins, Mechanicsville, S. C.
Miss Lillie Husey, city.
Miss Maude Jones, city.
Miss Leona Jennings, city.
Miss Ida Reames, city.
Miss Margarette Richardson, city.
Miss Fannie Sumter, city.
Miss Edna Scarborough, St. Charles.
Miss Ella J. Shaw, Sumter.
Miss Letta Lee Shaw, Sumter.
Miss Mamie Sanders, Denmark, S. C.
Miss Marie Teicher, Sumter.

There is considerable change in the curriculum, the object being no doubt to make the session more practical. My opinion is that the teachers will derive much more benefit from this year's attendance than from last. The more I attend these institutes the more I am convinced that the State has the cause of education at heart. We thought last year that our school was just splendid, and so it was, but from present indications this one will be a marked improvement on it. The reason of this is not in the teachers, they certainly deserved credit for their excellent work and would be welcomed here again, but for the simple reason that we are limited to a few studies that are in pursued in every school.

As for our instructors they need no introduction to the people of Sumter.

From what the writer has seen of them and from a consideration of the work in hand he feels good all over. More anon. H. C. Bertha.

THEATRICALS AT WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgefield, July 23.—On Thursday night Aug. 1st a theatrical performance will be rendered by local talent in the hall of our school building, proceeds to be expended in purchasing seats for academy hall. Admission fee children, 15c. adults, 25c. The public are cordially invited to attend. Performances begin at 8.30 o'clock.

Miss Mary McMaster, of Columbia, is visiting Miss Bettie Aycock.

Mr. E. L. DuCun left for Florida this a. m., for a week's stay.

Band Banquet and Concert.

The banquet at the Hotel Sumter Wednesday night for the benefit of the 2nd Regiment Band was a complete and most enjoyable success from all points of view. The attendance was large, the spacious dining room being filled until no more could have been accommodated, when the banqueters were seated at the tastefully decorated tables.

The menu was elaborate, and the substantial as well as the delicacies of the season were served in abundance. The managers of the Hotel spared no pains to make the occasion pleasant and with the cooperation of their really excellent cook the banquet was a most enjoyable affair. The band gave an especially attractive concert both before and after the banquet that enhanced the pleasure of the evening most decidedly.

The Winthrop Examination.

The examination of applicants for the Winthrop College Scholarship will be held in this city Friday, July 26th. The responsibility for the failure of the questions to reach this county in time for the examination on the date first announced rests with the college authorities. The questions were sent to Bishopville instead of this city but did not reach that place until after the date set for the examination. Several other counties were in the same fix as Sumter and the examinations were not held on account of the failure to receive the questions.

DISPENSER'S SALARIES RAISED.

The directors of the State dispensary at the meeting held yesterday increased the salaries of a number of dispensers. Among the number were: Bishopville raised from \$65 to \$70 per month, Mayesville from \$45 to \$55 per month.

A Good Cough Medicine.

Many thousands have been restored to health and happiness by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. If afflicted with any throat or lung trouble, give it a trial for it is certain to prove beneficial. Coughs that have resisted all other treatment for years, have yielded to this remedy and perfect health been restored. Cases that seemed hopeless, that the climate of famous health resorts failed to benefit, have been permanently cured by its use. For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

Carrying Concealed Weapons.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago, the death of a distinguished citizen of this State on the "field of honor," generated a sentiment, which soon crystallized into a strong demand which swept over our State from the mountains to the seaboard that the practice of dueling should cease forever. So strong was this demand that the legislature enacted the anti-dueling law, and no person can hold any office in this State until he subscribes to the oath that he has not fought, aided, or abetted in any duel since the law went into effect. This law is a complete success, for the object for which it was created, because it has the force of the people behind it. It has never been violated that I know of. Yet dueling has its advantages over some of the modern ways of settling differences, because in dueling, everything is supposed to be conducted in a fair and impartial manner to the principals. If one falls, it proves that the other was the most accurate shot, and what is settled there, is settled forever, as it was fair and equal to both sides. Of late years, the practice of carrying concealed deadly weapons, has become quite a habit among the young men of our State of both races. The old men don't carry weapons. It would be hard to find a Confederate soldier with a concealed weapon on. What then is the cause of this custom in our Christianized land? Is it cowardice? No for lots who carry them sprang from men who are no cowards. Are not the laws of our country amply sufficient for the protection of us all? I would think so. Is it a going back to the dark ages, when men went armed. I would not think so, for the young men who carry them are highly developed in their education and social habits. What then is the cause of it? Is it not a spirit of lawlessness that has developed in our land from the mountains to the Rio Grande and not confined to any special class?

It seems that those who carry concealed weapons, do so for protection, or in anticipation of some fray that on the least provocation they are ready to start, and often ends in death to one or two. The newspapers weekly, bring accounts of homicides in our land, which in a large number of cases could have been avoided and valuable lives saved if it had not been for the too ready pistol, which has brought untold trouble, for life to innocent people. People go armed in our courts, for no good. The legislature has tried to stop the evil, but the laws on the subject in the main, are dead letters. Every now and then, some poor violator is punished, but those who so persistently disregard the law are never molested. What has the newspapers, the great expose and corrector of evils, done to stop the carrying of deadly weapons? Nothing that I can see. What has the ministry as a whole done to abolish the evil? Nothing that I am aware of. What have the good and law abiding citizens done to abolish it? Nothing. So the carrying of deadly weapons will go on, placing the law-abiding citizens at the mercy of those who go armed. This pernicious custom should cease, even if the most drastic measures are used to accomplish it. Let the good people unite and put a stop to it, even if it be necessary to make those who carry deadly weapons lose their citizenship, as well as other severe punishment. Better that than to have so much killing in our land. United action on the part of our people can accomplish the end desired. Of course, Mr. Editor, all young men do not go armed. Lots of them would not think of such a thing. The evil is here and it has got to be abolished in some way, or our land will rival Kentucky as a "dark and bloody ground." Jas. E. DuPre. Pisgah, S. C.

MAYESVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Mayesville, July 23.—The new gasoline lamps for the town are expected to arrive in a few days and will be placed in position at once. This will be one of the greatest improvements made in some time and the council deserves credit for purchasing them. All of the ditches in town have been given a thorough cleaning out. As soon as the streets are given their usual summer working, our town will be in a first class condition.

There will be an election held on Tuesday, the 30th, inst., to decide upon the question of amending the charter of Mayesville. It is hoped that all the citizens will turn out and vote upon this question, as it is one of importance.

There is no sickness of any importance in town now. The few recent cases are all reported better. The town keeps up its usual record of being a very healthy place.

Work has been commenced on Mr. W. D. Mayes' store. This store will be enlarged and altered, and when completed will be one of the most handsome places of business in town. Other improvements in this line are reported to take place soon.

The Elders and Deacons' Convention of Harmony Presbytery will convene here on Thursday and Friday. Quite a number of delegates are expected to be present.

The first game of ball of the season is scheduled to be played here on Thursday afternoon between Lynch-

burg and the local team. A good game is expected and the public is invited to attend. No admission will be charged. The management hopes to arrange other games for early dates.

Messrs. Lea and Gosney, of Timmonsville, were in town yesterday.

Miss Carrie Mayes went to Sumter last night to attend the county school for teachers.

Miss Janie Spann, of Sumter, is visiting Miss Annie Andersen.

Mrs. Steven Thomas, of Trio, S. C., is visiting at Mr. Peter Thomas'.

Messrs. R. A. Chandler, Jr., and R. J. Mayes, Jr., spent Friday at Heriot's.

Mr. J. E. Jervey, of Sumter, is in town today.

Mr. M. P. Mayes returned from a visit to Savannah on Wednesday evening.

Mr. R. J. Bland, of Sumter, is visiting his parents here.

Mr. George Foxworth, of Sumter, is spending a few days at his home here.

Miss Lucile Ryttenberg, of Sumter, is visiting at Mr. A. A. Strauss'.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brunson, Miss Fannie Pringle, and Mr. W. J. Pringle, Jr., of Concord, spent Sunday at Capt. W. W. Fort's.

Mr. S. M. McColl, who is visiting at Dalzell, is in town today.

Miss Annie Bradford, of Sumter, who has been visiting at Mr. J. M. Cooper's returned home last night.

Miss Ada Mayes has returned home from a visit to relatives at Heriot's.

HAGOOD NEWS NOTES.

Hagood, July 22.—At last the hot, dry weather the people longed for has come. How bravely they struggled, with hope leading on. It was difficult if not impossible to escape despondency. The only reason perhaps they did not yield is it offered not even a dry crust.

How patiently, how persistently they battled against odds that seemed insurmountable, and though baffled in their best efforts, yet they returned to the fight as earnestly as ever.

At last, when they had done all in their power, and hope was yielding to despair the skies cleared, the weather grew hot and the land dried off. Immediately they set to work with renewed energy, and now, after a few days, by reason of close application to work, the prospect is brightening and the farmer is more cheerful. Call them "hayseed" and what not, but as a class they are the best, the most noble, but who so poorly paid for so rich desert?

But you want to know what is the crop prospect here. It could and doubtless would have been much better as a whole than it is, but it could be much worse. No one expects to make a full crop of corn but some of it is very fair, while corn after oats is splendid. As for cotton the grass is abundant in many fields and others that are clean look quite discouraging. A few fields here and there promise with favorable seasons a good if not a full crop of cotton. I believe the crop is short fifty per cent.

It pays to fertilize: this year proves it. Every farmer fertilizing highly that has a clean crop at this time, is hopeful of at least three-fourths of a crop of corn and cotton.

Mr. W. J. Young of Remberts, an up-to-date farmer as all know, will make a full crop cotton and very fair corn. Capt. W. J. McLeod of same neighborhood will make from forty to fifty bushels corn per acre on entire crop. Mr. G. W. Wingate of Hagood and some others have good crops of corn and cotton. These men have plenty of neighbors who will not make half crop, corn or cotton.

The health of our community is very good.

Mr. Robt. E. Atkinson and Dr. B. McLaughlin left Friday last for Glenn Springs where they will spend a month.

Mr. C. L. Emanuel and family are in Wadesboro, N. C. We understand his little girl is critically ill.

Miss Brent Coppege, who has been spending some time in our community has returned to her home. Civis.

BISHOPVILLE NEWS.

Bishopville, July 22.—Bishopville has 78 dwelling houses, or we should rather say residences.

Mr. Jones, of Newberry was elected principal of our school by the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting.

The Superintendent of Education for the county under the law will hereafter keep \$500 worth of school books on hand for sale at cost to patrons of the public free schools. We figure that out of the \$300,000 spent for schools per annum in South Carolina there will under this arrangement accrue a saving of \$50,000, may be more.

Such laws warm my heart and makes me feel as if the people will learn to cooperate some of these days and fully use their great strength for each other such as "each for all and all for each" and quit running after precedent and study to lighten the present need.

Bishopville enjoys the condition of not having a sprig of nut grass within her borders.

Mr. Aaron Jones, Master of the National Grange will make and address to the patrons of South Carolina, and all others who care to attend, on August 1st at Salem Grange Hall, four miles north of St. Charles, three miles south of Mannville, six miles from this point. We would be glad to have 5,000 farmers with us that day.

Mr. C. S. James is in the neighborhood visiting relatives.

Mr. J. C. Baskin of Eastover is at home sick.

Mr. Rogers, of Marion county has purchased a lot and purposes erecting a commodious sale and hitch stable.

The health of the town is excellent.

Cotton is doing finely, and as friend Goddings has it, if it will grow one inch every three days till August 20th it will be large enough to bear a crop.

The piles that annoy you so will be quickly and permanently healed if you use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless counterfeits. J. S. Hugheson & Co.

Doings at Glenn Springs.

This season at Glenn Springs Hotel promises to be one of the largest attended and most enjoyable for years. New amusements are daily occurrences. On Tuesday evening the Messrs. Simpson ran a special train over to Spartanburg and a merry party of about thirty attended the weekly dance at Glendale. Returning about 2 a. m., they alighted in front of the hotel and gave the following yell:

Glenn Springs! Glenn Springs!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Water Soakers! Water Soakers!
Siss! Boom! Bah!

The party was then escorted into the hotel where a bountiful spread awaited them and which was most heartily enjoyed by the hungry dancers.

The next attraction of this week was a "nigger" cake walk, given by the waiters in the spacious dining hall, many features of which would do credit to professional minstrels. The dusky damsels displayed much grace, but finally the judges decided in favor of the "dishwasher" and his blushing partner. A handsome cake was presented by the judges and was received with smiles, and demolished with a relish.

The crowning feature of the week's gaieties took place in the ball-room on Friday evening in the form of a "Bal Poudre." The couples formed outside of the ball room and marched in to the stirring strains of the Chinese Wedding March, rendered by the excellent Italian band of Washington, D. C.

The following gentlemen, with powdered wigs, knee buckles, and all the paraphernalia which went to make up the beautiful costumes of the grand old Colonial days:

Messrs. Jno. McLucas, Marion, T. O. Lawton, Brighton, J. O. Bomar, Spartanburg, A. O. Simpson, William F. and Minor W. Smith, Glenn Springs, J. Grenville DeLorme, Sumter, R. M. Davis, Jr., Columbia, and others.

The following Colonial Dames:

Miss Frances Troy, of Charlotte, N. C., was stately and beautifully attired in a brocade costume with panniers and train. She wore a ring that once belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte.

Miss Nina Geddes, of Baltimore, was lovelier than ever in marquis of Louis XIV style, blue silk dress panniers and train of brocade.

Miss Florie DePass, of Camden, was exquisitely attired in pink velvet.

Miss Mary Smith, of Glenn Springs, a dainty empire gown of white mulle with an old lace fasciae.

Miss Sally Bell, of Shreveport, La., in canary swiss.

Miss Lucile Minnaugh of Columbia, was bewitchingly gowned in white with old fashioned roses.

The chaperones were Mrs. R. W. Hunt, of Charleston, in a pretty costume of pink and white.

Mrs. W. B. Troy, of Charlotte, old black lace over black silk.

Mrs. J. L. Minnaugh, of Columbia, effective costume of black and white.

Mrs. N. Y. Alford, of Sumter, exquisite gown of white and antique lace.

The dances of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries were participated in by the Colonial couples.

After the pleasure of the ball room delightful refreshments were served in the parlor by the Messrs. Simpsons in their usual hospitable manner.

The following names from Sumter, city and county, have registered here this season. Some have returned home or gone to mountains resorts, but a large number are still here:

E. S. Miller, N. W. Edmunds, Miss M. C. Edmunds, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Knight, Miss Gertrude Knight, Miss Marie Brown, Miss Holly Brown, N. G. Osteen, Miss Moneta Osteen, Miss Louise Murray, Miss Theo Gregg, Mrs. N. Y. Alford, L. B. DuRant, Miss Mood, Miss Dulce Moise, Miss Carrie McLeod, Mrs. F. M. Spann, Miss Mary Louisa Moses, Mr. Baker Spann, Miss Emma Baker, Mrs. A. Durant, Mrs. D. Ed. Durant, Mrs. J. M. Hearon, Dr. E. S. Booth, Mrs. E. S. Booth, Wm. B. Alford, Mrs. L. B. DuRant, Mr. L. C. Mills, Mrs. L. C. Mills, Miss Esther Dick, Miss Annie Graham, J. G. DeLorme, B. McLaughlin, R. A. Atkinson, Neill McLaughlin, Jos. C. Scott, D. Beauregard Anderson, Mrs. Wiley J. McKain and child.

The following from Clarendon are also here:

J. W. McLeod, Rev. P. B. Wells, Jos. Sprott, Jr., Jesse Sprott, Jos. M. Bradham, Mrs. J. M. Bradham.

Among other visitors to Glenns is Mr. D. C. Heyward of Waterboro, who with his family arrived a few days ago. It will be remembered that he is a candidate for Governor. He is a plain farmer, (a rice planter) but a very cultured man and a fine specimen of manhood. He seems to be making friends here.

THE HOSE REEL RACES.

There is much interest being manifested in the proposed contest to be held here early next month on the race track between the hose wagons and jumper reel teams of the local fire companies. Invitations, it is stated, will be sent to the Newberry, Camden and Sumter teams to enter these contests. The board of firemasters, it is understood, is willing to sanction the contest. The idea is to pay the prizes out of the gate receipts. The races will be held on the race track at the fair grounds, where there is a grand stand, having the finish of each contest in front of the stand. A temporary plug will be run into the grounds for the purpose.—The State.

Kansas City, July 19.—This has been an exceedingly hot day in Kansas. The mercury has ranged from 106 to 109. While the feeling of utter helplessness attendant upon the drought has passed, the people of the State do not attempt to deny that the fall crops are in a desperate condition.

Nigh Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood. But, when all other medicines failed, three \$1 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 38 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, in gripe, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store.

BISHOPVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

Cotton Crop Improving But Corn Damaged Beyond Recovery.

Bishopville, July 18.—It is reported here that Dr. E. S. Booth, a prominent physician of this place, is still quite unwell at Glenn Springs. He had been in ill health here for some time and went to the springs, hoping to recuperate. His many friends here are anxious for him to regain his health and to return to take charge of his large and lucrative practice.

Since the refreshing showers of the past few days cotton is beginning to put on new life and if the seasons continue to be favorable may yet turn out a very good yield. The corn crop in this section is almost a complete failure and is beyond recovery.

Prof. E. T. Jones, of Ehrhards, S. C., has been elected principal of the Bishopville Graded School to fill the vacancy caused by Prof. J. B. Atkinson of Chester not accepting.

Mrs. J. M. Hearon, Mrs. M. A. DuRant, Mrs. D. Ed. DuRant, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Booth have gone to Glenn Springs to spend the summer. Capt. W. S. James, W. W. Stuckey, J. O. DuRant, H. J. Lee, H. W. Mathis and R. H. Pate are camping at Blue Springs, near Bethune, this week.

Rev. A. R. Phillips, who recently accepted a call as pastor of the Baptist Church, has removed his family here from Lynchburg.

Mr. W. C. Rogers, a business young man from Latta, is in town preparing to erect a large stable. When completed he will open up a livery business.

Mr. D. M. Ellen, of Dillon, has accepted a position with the Bishopville Hardware Co.

Miss Mamie Wright, who has been visiting Mrs. L. C. Dixon for the past few days, has returned to her home at Oats.

Mr. Henry Dixon spent Friday and Saturday in Darlington on business.

Ask a certain young man how he likes to be lassoed.

During last May an infant of our neighbor was suffering from cholera infantum. The doctors had given up all hopes of recovery.

I took a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to the house, telling them I felt sure it would do good if used according to directions. In two days time the child had fully recovered. The child is now vigorous and healthy. I have recommended this remedy frequently and have never known it to fail.—Mrs. Curtis Baker, Bookwalter, Ohio. Sold by Dr. A. J. Chioia.

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